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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 8, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed May 8, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A method for characterizing the topology of one or more hydrodynamic bearing surfaces, comprising;
rotating the one or more hydrodynamic bearings;
measuring the surface of the one or more hydrodynamic bearings;
determining at least one reference plane; and